

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 August 66 08/0545Z	2. LOCATION Utica, New York	1 witness.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible (AIRCRAFT) ✓ <i>720A</i>	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Observer noted white round shaped object traveling in a eastward direction. Object was observed overhead. There is heavy air traffic on airways that converge on Utica. The description is consistent with that of an aircraft with landing lights on.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		
7. COURSE E		
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 2856TH AIR BASE GROUP (AFLC)  
GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK 13440



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: ROBOB

8 August 1966

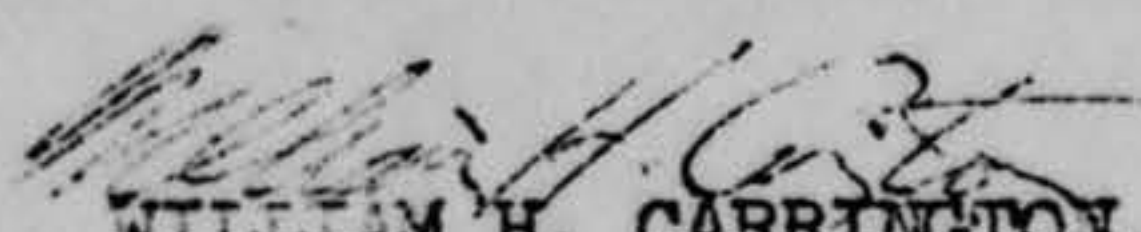
SUBJECT: UFO Sighting on 8 Aug 66

TO: Foreign Technology Div (TDEW/UFO)  
AFSC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. A sighting was made by a civilian youth at 0045 hours EST on 8 Aug 1966. The sighting was made over the northern section of the city of Utica, New York. No other reports have been received on this sighting.

2. This sighting was most probably an aircraft, or a reflection from a search light or fireworks, as there were numerous celebrations in this area.

FOR THE COMMANDER

  
WILLIAM H. CARRINGTON, Major, USAF  
Chief, Base Operations & Training Div.



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TDETR /Maj H. Quintanilla, Jr/70916/mhs/11 Aug 66

UFO Sighting on 8 Aug 66 (ROBOB Ltr, 8 Aug 66)

AUG 12 1966

2856th Air Base Group (AFLC)  
Attn: ROBOB/Maj. Carrington

1. Reference your letter of 8 August 1966 regarding an observation at Utica, New York. This report is incomplete and of little value to the analysts and evaluators. Your evaluation of an aircraft, or a reflection from a search light or fireworks is too vague.
2. Preparing officers are not following the guidelines established in paragraph 4 and are not complying with paragraphs 14 and 16 of AFR 200-2. In order for SAFOI to answer queries from the news media, UFO reports must be complete and comprehensive. Certain New York publications are quite active in the pursuit of UFO information and frequently ask about reported UFO sightings in your area. Incomplete reports are impossible to evaluate and also cause embarrassment to SAFOI when answering queries from the news media. Please impress your UFO investigating officer with the necessity of complying with the contents of AFR 200-2.
3. Request you resubmit a report in accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 14 and 16 on the 8 August 1966 observation at Utica, New York.

FOR THE COMMANDER

*W. S. Wheeler*  
WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

COORDINATION:

*H. Quintanilla Jr* DATE 11 AUG 66  
TDETR  
*Fred B. Van Dine* DATE 11 Aug '66  
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ATTN OF:

ROBOB

16 August 1966

SUBJECT:


UFO Sighting on 8 Aug 66

TO:

Foreign Technology Div (TDEW/UFO)  
AFSC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Reference your letter dated 12 Aug 66, same subject.
2. Inadvertently the information concerning the UFO sighting and investigation was not attached to my letter.
3. Attached is a copy of the UFO report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

  
WILLIAM H. CARRINGTON, Major, USAF  
Chief, Base Operations & Training Div.

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## UFO CHECKLIST

BASE OPERATIONS, DISPATCHER

DATE 8 Aug 66

When a UFO is called in, obtain from the observer:

## 1. Description of the object(s):

- a. Shape ROUND
- b. Size compared with one of the following held in the hand at arms length:  
Head of pin ☒ Pea ☐ Dime ☐ Nickel ☐ Quarter ☐  
Half Dollar ☐ Silver Dollar ☐ Baseball ☐ Grapefruit ☐  
Basketball ☐
- c. Color WHITE
- d. Number ONE
- e. Formation (if more than one) NONE
- f. Discernible features or details NONE
- g. Tail, trail or exhaust NONE
- h. Sound NONE
- i. Other pertinent or unusual features NONE

## 2. Description of course of object(s):

- a. What first called it to your attention? NOTHING--JUST HAPPEN TO BE  
LOOKING UP.
- b. Angle or elevation when first observed OVERHEAD  
Azimuth when first observed WEST TO EAST
- c. Angle or elevation upon disappearance OVERHEAD  
Azimuth upon disappearance NA



d. Description of flight path and maneuvers ZIG ZAG

e. How long was the object visible? 30 seconds

3. Manner of observation:

a. Ground ☐ Air ☐ Visual ☒ Electronic ☐

b. Any binoculars or similar device used? NA

Description of optical device NA

c. If airborne, type of aircraft NA

Identification Nr                      Altitude                     

Heading                      Speed                      Home Station                     

4. Date and time of sighting:

a. Local time of sighting 0045 EST

Date of sighting 8 Aug 66

b. Light conditions:

Night ☒ Day ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐

5. Location of observer:

a. Latitude 43° 06' 00"

b. Longitude 75° 15' 00"

c. Position with reference to known landmark City of Utica, NY

10 MN Southeast of Griffiss AFB, NY

6. Observers account of weather conditions Stars visible



7. Identifying information on observer:

a. Civilian: Name [REDACTED]  
AGE 18  
Mailing Address [REDACTED] Ave., Utica, NY  
Occupation Mel's Dairy Isle  
Estimate of Reliability reliable

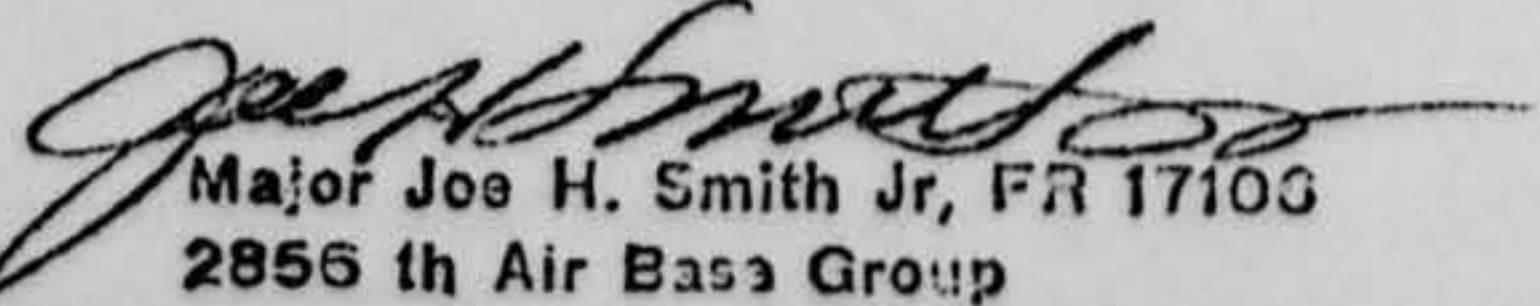
b. Military: Name NA  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Duty \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimate of Reliability \_\_\_\_\_

8. Comments of reporting officer:

a. Action taken (agencies called, etc.) Griffiss AFB Control tower, Oneida Co. airport Control Tower, FAA RAPCON and Utica Police contacted. None of the agencies received any information or calls on the UFO, nor made any sightings.

b. Final evaluation (accuracy, reliability, timeliness, etc.) Numerous celebrations in this area, search lights to attract attention and fireworks displays. This could have been the UFO or an aircraft in the area. There is very heavy air traffic on airways. V-196, V-2 V-428 and V-145 which all converge over the city of Utica. The most probable explanation is the observer sighted a reflection from a searchlight or the lights of an aircraft flying on the airways.

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Major Joe H. Smith Jr, FR 17103  
2856 th Air Base Group  
Griffiss AFB, New York 13410



UFO CHECKLISTWEATHER OBSERVERDATE 8 Aug 66

## 1. Weather and Winds Aloft

## a. Wind Direction &amp; Velocity

(1) 6,000' 25/15(2) 10,000' 24/20(3) 16,000' 21/10(4) 20,000' 22/10(5) 30,000' 23/25(6) 50,000' 24/30(7) 80,000' UNK

## 2. Ceiling

23,000

## 3. Visibility

10 miles

## 4. Amount of Cloud Cover

6/85. Thunderstorm in area and quadrant in which located none

## 6., Temperature gradient

Normal

## 7. Any unusual meteorological condition which might account for sighting.

None